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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO, PLO

SUBJECT: PLO ISSUE IN ILO CONFERENCE

REF: GENEVA 4361

1. USDEL SHOULD VOTE AGAINST AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS PERMITTING SEATING OF PLO.
2. HEAD OF USDEL SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING STATEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER VOTE ON THIS AMENDMENT AND AFL-CIO WITHDRAWAL, WHICH WE ASSUME WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW IT.

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3. THIS CONFERENCE HAS JUST BETRAYED THE FIRST PURPOSES

OF THIS ORGANIZATION. THOSE WHO HAVE INSISTED ON RAISING  
HERE A POLITICAL ISSUE ON WHICH THERE ARE DEEPLY-FELT  
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GROUPS OF WORKERS AS WELL AS BETWEEN  
GOVERNMENTS HAVE CREATED A DANGEROUS DIVISION AMONG US.  
THOSE WHOSE SUPPORT THE ILO NEEDS MOST AND FOR WHOSE  
SERVICE IT WAS CREATED, HAVE NOW BEEN SET AT ODDS BY THIS  
ILL-CONSIDERED AND TRAGIC DECISION. WE HAVE JUST SEEN THE  
FIRST AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGING CONSEQUENCE OF THIS ACT.

THE ILO, AS WE ARE OFTEN REMINDED, IS SUI GENERIS  
AMONG THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THE UN SYSTEM. LIKE  
OTHER SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, IT HAS AN EXTENSIVE AND WORLD-

WIDE PROGRAM OF IMPORTANT WORK. UNLIKE THEM, HOWEVER,  
THE VERY STRUCTURE, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES OF THE ILO  
HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO PROMOTE A SPECIAL PURPOSE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION.

IN ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ILO AS AN ORGANIZATION,  
AND ESPECIALLY IN ITS CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS - SUCH AS  
THIS ONE - ITS STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES THEMSELVES  
ENCOURAGE A CONSTANT INTERCHANGE AMONG WORKERS, EMPLOYERS,  
AND GOVERNMENTS. THIS WHOLESOME DIALOGUE, AS THE  
FOUNDERS OF THE ILO WELL KNEW, IS ESSENTIAL TO THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSE OF LABOR. ITS IMPORTANCE IS  
SYMBOLIZED AND SERVED, ABOVE ALL, BY OUR UNIQUELY CON-  
STITUTED DELEGATIONS. THEIR TRIPARTITE FORM WAS  
SPECIFICALLY CHOSEN TO CREATE A FORUM IN WHICH, THOUGH  
GOVERNMENTS WOULD NECESSARILY BE REPRESENTED, THE POLI-  
TICAL CONFLICTS OF GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT OBSCURE THE NEEDS  
OF LABOR AND IN WHICH LABOR WOULD SPEAK WITH GOVERNMENTS  
AND EMPLOYERS WITH AN EQUAL VOICE.

NOW THAT DIALOGUE HAS BEEN BRUTALLY INTERRUPTED.  
THIS FORUM AND THIS ORGANIZATION, SO CAREFULLY DESIGNED  
TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE BY POLITICAL DISPUTE, HAS NONE-  
THELESS BEEN DIVERTED FROM ITS TRUE AND IMPORTANT CONCERNS  
BY A CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL ACT. THE INTERACTION HERE  
BETWEEN THE THREE GROUPS REPRESENTED ON OUR DELEGATIONS  
HAS BEEN DAMAGED AND SUBVERTED BY THE INTRODUCTION -  
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AGAINST THE WISHES OF MILLIONS OF AMERICAN AND OTHER  
WORKERS - OF AN ENTITY WHICH IS NEITHER A GOVERNMENT, NOR  
AN EMPLOYER, NOR A UNION.

IT IS TOO EARLY TO JUDGE THE FINAL FULL EFFECTS OF  
THIS SELFISH SUBVERSION OF THE TRUE PURPOSES AND PRO-  
CEDURES OF OUR ORGANIZATION. THOSE WHO HEEDLESSLY  
BROUGHT ABOUT THIS UNNECESSARY TRAGEDY DID NOT WEIGH

AGAINST THEIR POLITICAL PURPOSES THE WIDE-RANGING INTERESTS  
OF LABOR WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION HAS SERVED SO WELL. WE  
WHOSE WORKERS AND CITIZENS HAVE BEEN PROFOUNDLY AFFRONTED  
MUST NOW DO SO. KISSINGER

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